

Lasallian Service Plan: Part 2

1. *What can I contribute to addressing this social issue? What concrete actions can I do within the next year in relation to addressing this need or issue?*

The increase in numbers of Persons with Disabilities, especially children, means that even more initiatives must be made to put them out there and embrace them as part of our community. Having said that, we wanted to support Kythe, an organization catered specifically for PWD children, and even adults. Kythe would usually hold events to empower them and also help them financially. Aside from that, the annual Kythe Flying is done for these children, and also their parents, so they could have a whole day of bonding, happiness, and hope, ensuring smiles all over their faces throughout the day.

Especially with the COVID-19 pandemic going on, we also need to support the hospitals hosting the patients. It is very common for places to be low on supplies, so we must help them in any way we can, through donations or awareness campaigns.

2. *How do I ensure that my Lasallian Service Plan is capacitating, mutually empowering, life affirming, and context sensitive?*

Despite not being able to join Kythe's community service because of the quarantine and lockdown, we still want to push through doing service. We realized that in times like these, it would be best to start up a project to help out the frontliners, by raising funds to donate food, protective equipment, and other materials and resources needed. Although we were hoping this could push through, especially considering the support needed right now, we were not able to do so, due to personal and academic responsibilities. Still, as Lasallians, giving and carrying out service should never stop even in the simplest ways possible. Thus the whole group joined in and helped promote and spread other donation drives, some of which were also headed by fellow Lasallians. In this way, we bring up and promote the values as Lasallians to bring about good in the community. Also, we propagate a cycle of helping each other in times of need like these.

3. *In what ways can I involve others to help me in this service engagement?*

We all joined in promoting multiple online donation drives and signed petitions to show support and give help to those fighting in the frontlines against COVID-19. By spreading the

word, we show to others that this is something where everyone can help out in any way they can, either through supporting foundations and the frontline workers or even helping out a person who needs help. These acts of service, no matter if they're big or small, help in spreading news on how to help others pull through these hard times at a local level. Not only that, every step made is a step for the common good. This is a situation that affects everyone, so it only makes it ever so more important to bring an end to this problem.